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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A tourniquet article comprising:

a base;

a cap disposed on said base;

a strap having one free end and one end attached to said base;

a buckle attached to said base;

a handle with an aperture to accommodate a portion of said strap;

a ring attached to said base positioned adjacent to said base; wherein said tourniquet article is positioned around a limb; and

wherein said free end of said strap is pulled through both said ring and said handle aperture whereby said article is initially tightened around the limb; and

wherein said handle is turned until adequate pressure is applied to the limb; and

wherein once adequate pressure is applied to the limb, one end of said handle is inserted into said ring to secure the tightened tourniquet in place.

2. (original) A tourniquet article of claim 1 further comprising a safety screw disposed in said buckle, wherein said screw is tightened to prevent said strap from slipping.

3. (original) A tourniquet article of claim 1 wherein said ring is moveable along said base.

4. (original) A tourniquet article of claim 1 further comprising a second ring disposed on said base positioned adjacent to said buckle.

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5. (new) A tourniquet article comprising:

a base;

a handle having an aperture disposed therein;

a strap, the strap being engaged with said base at a first point upstream from said handle, the strap passing through the aperture and said strap and being engaged with said base at a second point downstream from said handle.

6. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 5 wherein the handle comprises a rod including notches disposed at first and second end portions.

7. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 5 wherein said strap has a width of between about 1 inch and about 2.5 inches and the aperture of said handle is slightly wider than said strap.

8. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 5 wherein the portion of said strap passing through the aperture comprises a loop.

9. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 5 wherein said base is substantially rigid and comprises a layered composite including a lower layer comprised of one of a non-skid fabric, a non-slip fabric and a looped end Velcro.

10. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 9 wherein the layered composite includes an intermediate layer affixed to said lower layer and an upper layer affixed to said intermediate layer, said upper layer comprising a substantially rigid material.

11. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 10 wherein the upper layer comprises a plastic material.

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12. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 10 wherein the upper layer comprises nylon scuba webbing.

13. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 10 wherein the intermediate layer comprises a polypropylene webbing.

14. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 5 further comprising a buckle attached to a first end of said strap.

15. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 5 further comprising a handle lock attached to said base and positioned to receive an end of said handle.

16. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 15 wherein the handle lock includes a ring fixedly attached to said base.

17. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 15 wherein the handle lock includes a ring movably attached to said base.

18. (new) A tourniquet article comprising:

a substantially rigid base;

a handle having an aperture disposed therein;

a strap, the strap being engaged with said base at a first point upstream from said handle, the strap passing through the aperture and said strap and being engaged with said base at a second point downstream from said handle;

a buckle attached to a first end of said strap; and

means for latching said handle.

19. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 18 wherein said means for latching includes a ring attached to said base.

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20. (new) The tourniquet article of claim 18 wherein said means for latching includes a first ring fixedly attached to said base upstream from said handle and a second ring movably attached to said base downstream from said handle, said means for latching being disposed such that the first ring receives a first end of said handle and the second ring receives a second end of said handle.